

Letter to Congressional Leaders Transmitting a Report on the Lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979

December 19, 1997

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994, to deal with the threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States caused by the lapse of the Export Administration Act of 1979.

Sincerely,

William J. Clinton

NOTE: Identical letters were sent to Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Albert Gore, Jr., President of the Senate.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 15

In the evening, the President and Hillary Clinton hosted a reception for members of the press in the Diplomatic Reception Room.

The President announced his intention to appoint George R. Ariyoshi, Curtis H. Barnette, Robert J. Eaton, George Fisher, D. George Harris, Dean R. Kleckner, J. Bruce Llewellyn, Lewis Platt, and Jeanette Sarkisian Wagner as members of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

December 16

The President announced the recess appointments of Mozelle W. Thompson and

Orson Swindle as Commissioners of the Federal Trade Commission.

The President announced the recess appointment of Richard W. Fisher as Deputy U.S. Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced the recess appointment of Nancy E. Soderberg as Alternate U.S. Representative for Special Political Affairs at the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and as U.S. Alternate Representative to the sessions of the U.N. General Assembly.

The President announced the recess appointment of Paul M. Igasaki to serve as a Commissioner and Vice Chair on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced the recess appointment of Kevin Emmanuel Marchman as Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

December 17

In the afternoon, the President met with Senator Arlen Specter in the Oval Office, concerning the Senator's upcoming visit to the Middle East.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with a group of family farmers in the Cabinet Room, concerning new USDA efforts to improve civil rights and assist small farmers.

The President announced his intention to appoint Dr. Harold P. Freeman to serve as member and Chair of the President's Cancer Panel.

The President announced the appointment of John M. Deutch, Robert L. Gallucci, Dave McCurdy, and Daniel Poneman to the Commission To Assess the Organization of the Federal Government To Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The President declared a major disaster in Guam and ordered Federal aid to supplement territory and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Typhoon Paka and associated torrential rains, high winds, high surf, and tidal surges on December 16 and continuing.